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BURGLARS SPEND FRUITLESS NIGHT IN CENTERVILLE

Our old friends the auto bandits visited Centerville early Sat. morning during the storm jimmied four business premises, including the postoffice, and ransacked the general merchandise store of F. T. Hawes, postmaster. Several hundred dollars in cash and a large quantity of stamps which has been carefully hidden were overlooked.

After visiting the Hawes store the burglars entered the saloon of M. S. Simas, where they obtained \$2.50 from the cash register. They then gained entrance to the saloon of Antone Martin, where they failed to find any cash, but evidently participated in a round of two of drinks.

From the Martin place they went to the general merchandise store of J. A. Coney, pried open the rear shutters with a jimmy but were frustrated from gaining entrance by heavy iron bars across the window on the inside. About this time they were evidently frightened away, as further effort would probably have enabled them to effect an entrance. In the Coney store they also missed securing considerable cash.

They also entered the saloon in the Gregory House but secured nothing.

Deputy Sheriffs Bert Brown, Joe Soares and Edward Sweeney arrived from Oakland to investigate the crime. They were assisted by Constable Joseph Soto, to whom the burglaries were reported by the owners of the establishments when they opened for business. Constable Soto found the jimmies used by the burglars, who had thrown them aside after failing to make a success of their midnight depredations.

That only cash was sought and that neither food supplies or other articles were stolen is taken to indicate that the burglars were members of a regular gang having their headquarters in Oakland or San Francisco, or possibly San Jose.

Persons living in the vicinity of the stores heard an automobile in the streets about 2 o'clock, its movements attracting their attention on account of the storm and the hour when few people are in the streets.

Postmaster Haws said that he had taken the precaution to hide the postoffice funds when any were left in the store overnight. He also had a safe hiding place for the stamps, a large stock of which is usually kept there. In their search for valuables the burglars turned things topsy-turvy in the Hawes store, but other than the jimmies found by the officers they left slight clues. These are being followed by the deputies.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT COUNTRY CLUB

Was Excellently Rendered by
Children Under Mrs. Norris'
Direction.

The Cantata, "The Christmas Tree Triumphant" given by the children, at the meeting of the such youthful boys and girls, and Mrs. Mla Norris and those who assisted her deserve special praise for their work in training them. The attendance was good despite the stormy day. The President, Mrs. W. B. Kirke announced that Judge Richards of the Appellate Court in San Francisco, would address the club at the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. An invitation is extended to all gentlemen friends of the club members to be present.

PLEASANTON'S ETHICAL EDITOR

By CHRIS RUNCKEL, Sr.

The editor of the Pleasanton Times published the following editorials last week in answer to our comment on the selection by the Water Company interests of the Township Register as the Washington Township medium for publishing its big legal ad:

IS A PROPHET WITHOUT HONOR?

With a display of egotism that is only surpassed by his apparent ignorance, the editor of the Washington Press, of Niles, declares that there is but one newspaper in Alameda county that has the courage to tell the truth about the "big moves" that are now going on that mean so much to the future of this county. Of course that paper is the Press. But in the same paragraph, the editor informs his readers that the people of his territory do not appreciate his keen insight into

the future—at least they are not willing to pay over good coin of the realm for his prognostications. Hence he is compelled to finance the Press with funds received from other sources.

With this we have no fault to find. Other and brighter men than the publisher of the Press have in the past been willing to pay for the spreading of their particular, and sometimes peculiar theories.

But what we do object to are his assertions that he is the only editor in the county who dares to publish the news. We respectfully point out the fact that mudslinging and news are two widely different things. Any muckraker can fill a sheet with putrid abuse and defamation, but it requires time and ability of an editor to fill the columns of his paper with clean, live news.

Another point we desire to bring out. From time to time the editor of the Press has made mention of the "Harris-Donahue-Horner, etc., combination," and has hinted very strongly that these men are not doing what they should for the county and the

interests of the people in general. Judges Harris and Donahue came from Pleasanton. Their reputations are untarnished. Their records for honesty and integrity cannot truthfully be questioned, and it ill behooves the editor of the Press to cast insinuations upon these men. Assessor Horner hails from Centerville, and his record as a public official has been one of which any man might be proud. No one, not even the editor of the Press, can point to a single act wherein these men have failed in their duties.

A newspaper that whines because a competitor was more wide awake than it and secures the job of publishing a large legal advertisement, is, to say the least, a poor sport and a bad loser, and it charges its competitor with dishonesty and chicanery, without foundation of fact, its conduct is unethical and merits the disapprobation of the newspaper profession.

Just why the editor of the Times felt called upon to come to

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COW BROUGHT TO COURT IN AMBULANCE

H. C. Searles of Decoto was fined \$20 this week by Judge Richmond on the charge of maiming a cow belonging to J. Ponte. Searles had demanded a jury trial but after a consultation with the attorneys on both sides of the case and with the understanding that there was no case against him waived the right to a jury trial. He admitted throwing some bisulphide on the cow but claimed that this would not maim the cow. Dr. Carpenter also testified to this effect. Searles says he was dumbfounded when Judge Richmond fined him \$20.

Judge Richmond says that Searles' plea was changed from "not guilty" to "guilty" and that there was nothing to do but fine him.

Searles denies that he plead guilty to the charge preferred against him or had any intention of doing so. In this he is upheld by his attorney B. C. Mickle who will probably take the matter up with the District Attorney's office.

The injured cow in the case was brought from Decoto in the animal ambulance and offered as evidence in the case.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT CENTERVILLE

Presbyterian Church Will Observe
Sunday of December 10th

I response to the request that Sunday, Dec. 10th, be set aside by every Church in California to consider America's responsibility for the world war, a special service will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Centerville, Sunday evening, Dec. 10 at 7:45 P.M. at which Rev. Rogers will speak on "He That Is Not For Peace Is Against Peace."

A mediation petition from San Francisco from the American Neutral Conference will be read and the practical features of the present movement explained, and an opportunity given to those present to sign the petition to which 40,000 Californians have affixed their names.

Speeders Get Off Easily

Thanksgiving spirit was supreme at Justice J. G. Mattos' court last week Wednesday when the speeders appeared. They were all let off with leniency, and those who failed to appear will regret the lost opportunity. Fines collected in November in speed cases were \$835—for the last week of the month \$165.

QUIETLY WEDDED AT EBERLY HOME

Miss Alice Medora Kelly Becomes
Mrs. Eric S. Bergstrom

Saturday at high noon, December 2, a quiet wedding was solemnized near Niles, when Miss Alice Medora Kelly was united in marriage to Eric S. Bergstrom at the country home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William van Meter Eberly.

The beautiful Episcopal service was read by the Rev. W. W. Anderson of Irvington, with only the family circle present. Master Raymond J. Burr, god-son of the bride, was the ring bearer. A wedding breakfast, a la Fourchette, followed the ceremony.

Mrs. J. G. Kelly and daughter, who are members of one of the old aristocratic families of Missouri, noted for their hospitality, have made their home for the last five years in San Jose, coming from St. Louis, where the bride's father, the late Colonel J. G. Kelly, a civil and mining engineer of note, was identified since early manhood with the upbuilding of that city.

Miss Kelly is a girl of charming personality and has a circle of warm friends. She has been active in charitable work, being vice president of the Good Cheer club here.

The bridegroom is a native of New York, now residing in Eureka, where the young couple will make their home.

—San Jose Mercury.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT IN NILES

Curbing to Be Put in Block on I
Street Between First and Second

Roadmaster T. J. Sullivan has men at work this week tearing into the mud puddle in front of the library building in Niles a cement curbing is to be put in and the street is to be regraded for the block between First and Second. This will dispose of the lake which has been an unpleasant feature of the winter months. Mr. Sullivan will be thanked by all of us for ending the duck hunting in town at Niles.

HOME INDUSTRY LEAGUE NAMES BIG GIFT LIST

The officials of the Home Industry League of California are calling on each of its active members to advertise at least the "minimum" this year during the holiday season and use in their advertisements the slogan "Make it a Home Industry Christmas," urging those who are already advertisers to use that slogan in some part of their advertisements from now until after the holidays. In the case of the "auxiliary" members they are urged to make special calls upon their local dealers to see that their newspaper advertising, their circulars, and their windows play up the advantages of the entire state of all resources uniting to "make it a Home Industry Christmas."

To help housewives and others in their selection of Christmas gifts from among articles made in California the League is sending out a long list of holiday suggestions. Prominent among these suggestions appears advice to "Subscribe for your local newspaper to be sent to your friends," and "Order Christmas cards from your local printer; each card to contain some phrase praising your own town or to Home-Industry articles—is being sent out by the League. Holiday presents can be selected by you for your mother, your wife, your sister, your daughter, or any one of your other relatives, either here or elsewhere, and yet you can confine yourself strictly to goods "Made in California," from the following extensive list:

Your Local Newspaper
Your Local Printing-office Christmas cards, with phrases praising your own community's advantages as well as holiday thought
Furs, grape juice, ginger ale, gas and electric fixtures, gloves, hams, heaters, house dresses, jams and honey, home furnishings, hand wrought metal art fixtures, hats, jellies, jewelry, jewelry boxes, outing goods, pianos, pickles, pre-knitted goods, kitchen utensils, macaroni, maps, mineral waters, middy blouses, motortrucks, neckties (men), neckwear (women), olives, olive oil, optical goods, raisins, root beer, ranges, Sunset Magazine, sardines, salad oil, soup (canned), spaghetti, spices, stoves, sweaters, shirts, shoes, suit cases, soap, table waters, teas, towels, ties, tents, trunks, traveling bags, wines, washing machines, waists.

NILES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS MEETING

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce took place last Tuesday evening in the firehouse, with President M. B. Sneden in the chair.

A committee of three was appointed to meet with the Newark committee on the 18th of this month, to take up the matter of the proposed vehicle bridge across the bay at Dumbarton point. The committee are Messrs. Sneden, F. V. Jones, and P. A. Ellis.

The question of installing more new lights for the town was taken up but it was decided to postpone definite action until after the completion of the new subway.

RABID RAVINGS BY RIP VAN WRINKLE

My father and I have had several arguments over the heading of this department. His objection is that it is too kiddish, egotistical, and facetious. I plead guilty. Being something of a cynic, I grasp the idea of taking myself too seriously. This column, I argue, exists primarily and indeed entirely for my own pleasure. I set down here some rambling thoughts, and if any one cares to read what is written, so much the better, or worse, as the case may be. I find solace in this very simple and harmless pastime, and relief from what might be, otherwise, a most trying situation.

Creatures of fear are most of us; we creep along as though we were mere sucklings; why not take a man's stride?

There is no such thing as the impossible! The fjord in the alley next to the Niles library has been bridged with gravel the work having been done by men under the able leadership of Roadmaster T. J. Sullivan this week.

Cows chew their cud when they are hungry, and cud is cheap, being second hand food, but we mortals are not cows.

If you know any news write it up and send it in to us early in the week. This paper exists mostly for you whose homes are here. We should like to get around more, but we have no Ford and the days are too short to walk. We are glad to get the news, properly written and invite you to send it in to us.

A very brilliant young smarty at Pleasanton did what in his mind must have been a really remarkable editorial in the Weekly Sneeze of that town. It is reprinted elsewhere. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Pleasanton neighbors of that poor, conceited, half-baked nut.

HIGH SCHOOL PARTY AT IRVINGTON

Very Enjoyable Affair Held at
Maple Hall Last Saturday

The annual Thanksgiving dance was given as usual last Saturday evening at Maple Hall, Irvington, by the pupils of Washington high school. The hall was very tastefully decorated with paper butterflies of many colors, and the pretty gowns of the young ladies added to the beauty of the scene. Music was furnished by Sykes Orchestra. The happy crowd adjourned at midnight after a most happily spent evening.

WM. McDONALD EULOGIZED IN RESOLUTION

A befitting eulogy to the memory of William McDonald, former county official, who died at Livermore two weeks ago, is contained in a resolution passed by the county board of education. McDonald's service to the public, his character and principles were extolled in the tribute read before the board.

The following communication was received from Mr. P. M. Fisher, a member of the Board:

Whereas Hon. William McDonald of Livermore, a fellow member of the Alameda County Board of Education since 1903 has been summoned by death, therefore

Resolved, That we testify to his worth to the community in which he spent his busy life; his unflagging devotion to the highest community interest; his dislike of strife and his desire for peace; his unflinching charity; his innate and unvarying kindness; his rugged honesty; his aversion to all forms of sham and fraud; a unique uncommon personality standing for right conduct and helpfulness, to such a degree that his loss be sorely felt.

Resolved, That the official circle of the county has lost a most valuable member who never failed to realize his responsibility to the public, who combined unflinching duty with a strong sense of public duty and held his office in esteem because it gave him opportunity to be of service to the people—a public servant without dissimulation, arrogance or guile.

Resolved, That as fellow members of the Board we make public record of his appreciation of youth and its temptations and difficulties; his inclination to lean to the kindly side; his sympathy with the struggling, and his belief in, and devotion to the public school system as a most helpful and beneficent institution in a democracy; and especially his close knowledge of and care for the little country schools in which he has taught for more than twenty years. The removal of his genial presence and faithful comradeship will leave each and all of us distinctly poorer.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be made part of the minutes of the Board and a transcript be forwarded to his relatives, and to the public press.

SUNOL HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire destroyed the famous Hazel Glenn hotel here, which is one of the landmarks of the community Tuesday night. Citizens formed a bucket brigade and prevented sparks from igniting other buildings in the vicinity. The loss was about \$12,000, partly covered by insurance. The telephone exchange was destroyed.

Some of the guests of the hotel found difficulty in gaining passage way into the street, and Miss Bella Meyers, a school teacher, suffered from suffocation. She was quickly revived, however. The hotel was operated by Harry Harrison. John Andrews and W. J. Hughes owned the building.

Coming Events

December 16. Saturday evening. Social Dance. Connors' Hall, Niles, given by Canyon Tent, The Maccabees. Sykes' Orchestra.

December 15. Friday evening. Connors' Hall. Entertainment. Benefit pipe organ fund for Niles Congregational Church.

January 1. Monday. Chevrolet auto given away by Jones & Ellsworth.

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EDITORIAL

HENEY RECOGNIZED

The rumor last week that Francis J. Heney was likely to become a member of President Wilson's cabinet caused a very serious fluttering of hearts in Oakland. The idea of such a personality as Heney becoming Secretary of the Interior was startling indeed in the corporation camps, especially in those which are seeking even yet to block the Hetch Hetchy project. It was allayed by the discovery that there was no vacancy in the Supreme Court to be filled by the appointment of Secretary Lane. Indeed the pulses became quite normal after this discovery along political row. Now it is suggested that Heney may become Attorney General. This is almost as bad news as the other. At any rate Heney dined with the President on Wednesday along with Bryan and other notables.

It is keeping the politicians guessing what Heney may have a chance to do now that he is in favor at the White House. President Wilson did the right thing in recognizing Heney and his many friends and admirers in California are hoping there is something good in store for him.

DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

In spite of the disdain with which the country newspaper is often looked upon by many, the fact remains that if rightly used it ought to be a very serviceable medium for promoting all those features of our community which tend to make rural life more endurable. The main trouble is that the people do not use the local newspaper in the right way. Most people forget that the local newspaper man has to hustle pretty hard these days to make ends meet and he can't afford to spend all his time in gathering in the local news. If more of our people would take the trouble to send in

the items worth while they would find the newspaper man ready to meet them more than half way. There are many subjects of local interest that our subscribers have better ideas on than the editor that all would be glad to learn. Just get them to us in the right shape and at the right time and we will be glad to receive them.

The uncertainty caused by the close wet and dry vote last month is likely to revolutionize the attitude of those politicians who always have their ears close to the ground. A tightening-up movement in the granting of licenses and a more deferential attitude toward the dry sentiment are already noticeable. In fact there is a decided change since eight years ago.

The careful and thorough manner in which the California State Water Commission is doing its work on the local water problem is quite reassuring to those who appreciate the great responsibility the Commission has assumed in acting as arbitrator on this important question. It also emphasizes the wisdom of our local officers in preparing data for just such a situation as now exists.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court this week settles the question of terminal rates and will prove a great advantage to Oakland as well as to San Francisco. The rapid development of Oakland as a manufacturing center is beginning to attract attention in a larger measure to its commercial possibilities as well.

The removal of the Niles post-office to the western end of Front street and the erection of a fire proof building on the same block will make Front street a two sided street. This will have a tendency to concentrate the business section and make it easier for the night watchman in winter and the town band in summer.

It is keeping folks guessing these days what effect the automobile and good roads are to have in shaping the business destiny of small towns such as we have in Washington Township. With jitneys running at frequent intervals between the towns and to the cities every house along the highway enjoys a new advantage.

The only sensible way to build up any town is to patronize the institutions that give employment

PLEASANTON'S ETHICAL EDITOR

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the rescue of the Register we can only ascribe to the fact that he is tarred with the same stick. It is somewhat amusing to note the virtuous indignation of the Spring Valley editor of the Times. It certainly takes a "wide awake competitor" to secure the favor of the big water corporations, wide awake to his own cash account. We are frank to confess that in competition for the favors of the Spring Valley Water Co. we are easily distanced by such newspaper competitors as the Times and the Register. Only such as these would enter into a service that sells out the future of their sections for corporation favors. The Times editor is a splendid character to prate of conduct that is "unethical" and which merits the disapprobation of the newspaper profession. A newspaper man who will prostitute his services to the selfish purpose of a corporation which is destroying the very future of the community which he professes to serve needs to learn the definition of the word "ethical". Ethics is generally accepted to mean one's moral duty not only to individuals but to the community of which he forms a part. The ethical atmosphere which surrounds the Pleasanton Times editor may lead him to believe it is his moral duty to wear the Spring Valley collar and aid in the manipulation which shall absolutely deliver over the entire Pleasanton section to the Spring Valley Water Co. for exploitation. It may be the moral duty of the president of the Pleasanton Town trustees to draw pay as Spring Valley's land agent, it may be the moral duty of the town attorney to be on Spring Valley's pay roll, it may be the moral duty of superior judges to benefit by Spring Valley land deals, all these may be ethical in the eyes of the man whom such exemplars of "moral duty" have placed in charge of the publicity department of the Spring Valley preserve. We confess we don't hold such ethical views.

It is the ethical view point of a Judas Iscariot or a Benedict Arnold. No, we confess, Brother Davis, we are not in your class.

to people in the town. The business man who encourages outside opposition to a productive industry at home encourages the same action against his own business.

The rain during the past week made it possible for our farmers to get busy. With the H. C. L. affecting all agricultural products our farmers ought not have much trouble in determining what to raise next year.

DECOTO MASONIC HOME

One of the most pleasant Thanksgiving days was enjoyed by all who reside in the Home, a turkey dinner was served at one P. M. In the afternoon a very interesting literary musical and motion picture program was rendered in the Temple. Among those who contributed to the afternoon's pleasure were Grand Sect. J. Wither, and H. McLaferty composed a poem for the occasion entitled Mirror Land.

PEACE MOVEMENT GAINS STRENGTH

The peace movement undertaken by the American Neutral Conference Committee has gained in support of similar movements in thirty-two other neutral nations of the world. The general object of the petitions now in circulation in California is to quote from the Petition, "to support our government in any effort it may make toward a just and lasting peace."

New York, all the New England States, Illinois and many of the middle Western States have followed the lead of California in the peace movement campaign.

At the Churches

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Niles, California
H. H. GILL, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Church services, 11:00 a. m.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CENTERVILLE
REV. F. C. MURGOTTEN, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Kindergarten, 11:00 a. m.
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
First Sunday of the month, evening service, 7:45 p. m.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Niles, California
Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Centerville, California
Father A. M. Souza, pastor.
Father S. F. Baron, asst. pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.
Sunday—Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School.
8 p. m. Preaching Services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Newark, California
James Curry, D.D., Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting 7 p. m. Sabbath School 9:45 p. m., Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m., Ladies Aid first and third Wednesday afternoon each month, Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 p. m.

S. P. TIME TABLE			
IN EFFECT OCT. 1, 1916			
SAN FRANCISCO TO NILES			
No.	Trains	Lv. S.F.	Ar. Niles
210	(Mkt. St.)	1:57a	2:42a
500		4:00a	4:45a
90		6:40a	7:11a
82		7:20a	7:51a
32		8:20a	8:55a
504		12:40p	1:15p
38		4:00p	4:30p
52*		4:40p	5:10p
96		4:40p	5:12p
80		5:00p	5:30p
182**		5:20p	5:53p
98		6:40p	7:11p
184	Sun. only	7:40p	8:11p
TRACY TO SAN FRANCISCO via Niles			
No.	Trains	From Niles	Ar. S.F.
89	S.J.	5:45a	6:35a
83	Liv.	6:54a	7:51a
79	S.J.	7:57a	8:55a
181	S.Flyer	8:55a	9:33a
21	S.P.	1:30p	2:13p
97	S.S.Ex.	2:30p	3:10p
37	S.J.P.	4:35p	5:32p
51*	S.F.Pas.	6:12p	6:53p
	Bak.Pas.	8:51p	9:23p

Trains leave Niles for Centerville and Newark: No. 5:07 at 4:45 a. m., 5:05 at 9:15 a. m., No. 5:13 at 6:53 a. m., 5:09 at 2:25 p. m., 5:15 at 5:12 p. m.
Trains leave San Francisco for Niles via Newark and Centerville: No. 188, lv Newark 9:35 a. m., arr. Niles 9:50 a. m., No. 92 lv. San Francisco 12:40 p. m., arr. Newark 2:00 p. m., arr. Niles 2:15 p. m.

NILES TO SAN JOSE
Trains leave Niles at 8:10 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 1:35 p. m., 2:20 p. m., 6:12 p. m., 8:00 p. m.

SAN JOSE TO NILES
Trains leave San Jose: 5:15 a. m., 7:20 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 12:45 p. m., 3:55 p. m.

* Does not stop at Niles.
** Daily except Sunday.

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DR. J. H. DURHAM
Dentist. Office Hours: 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Irvington, California.

LODGE MEETINGS

NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday evening at Niles
N. P. HANSEN, N. G.
L. A. FRONTZ, V. G.
P. A. ELLIS, Secy.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W. Meets every second and fourth Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.
J. F. ROSE, Con. Com.
JOS. SOITO, Adv.
M. H. LEWIS, Clerk.
M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M. Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1916:
January 15, February 12, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 9.
F. B. HARTMAN, W. M.
A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

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We intend to build up the subscription list of the Press and this is one of the premiums we are now offering.

A. T. AMES ANSWERS A LIST OF QUESTIONS SENT OUT BY TAX COMMISSION

Note: The following answers have been prepared by Mr. A. T. Ames to a set of questions by the State Tax Commission to a number of questions sent out by the State Tax Commission last August to a number of the citizens in each county. The matter of land taxation is an important question, as is shown by the fact that its advocates have had a proposition for Single Tax put upon the ballot at the last two general elections in California. Mr. Ames' answers are brief and pointed and are printed with the letter of the Tax Commission as follows:

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE BY SOLE REFEREE IN PARTITION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.

ANDREW J. COMPTON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ANNIE E. ALBERTI, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 50591, Dept. No. 3.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Interlocutory Decree in Partition made and entered in and by said Superior Court in the above entitled action in partition, of date November 22nd 1916, the undersigned Sole Referee appointed in and by said decree to make sale of the real property hereinafter described, will as such Sole Referee, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, on or after Monday the 11th day of December 1916 at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, Room No. 1110 Union Savings Bank Building, at the Northeast corner of Thirteenth Street and Broadway, in the city of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, all of the following described real property, to-wit:

All that real property situate in the Town of Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of the County Road from Centerville to Irvington where said center line is intersected by the Northwest boundary line of lands of the Ladies Town Hall Association, also known and described as Survey No. 89 of the lands of the ex-Mission of San Jose; and running thence Northwest a long said center line Forty-two 1/2 (42.50) feet, more or less, to the South easterly boundary line of Survey No. 91 of said ex-Mission lands; thence running along said boundary line of said survey No. 91, being the boundary line of lands now or recently of J. Alves and of Leonora C. Francis, North easterly Three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet more or less to the line of lands formerly of one Edward Horner and more recently of John G. Mattos; thence Easterly along the latter mentioned line One hundred and twenty-four (124) feet more or less to the line of lands known as the August May Tract; thence Southeast along the latter mentioned line One hundred and thirteen (113) feet more or less to the Northeast boundary line of said Survey No. 89 of said ex-Mission lands; thence along the latter mentioned line Northwest One hundred (100) feet more or less to an angle in the latter mentioned boundary line; and thence Southwesterly following the Northwest boundary line of said Survey No. 89 of said ex-Mission lands, the following described land Three hundred and twenty (320) feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Said real property is otherwise designated and described as Lot No. One hundred (100), Survey No. Ninety (90), of the lands of the ex-Mission San Jose, in Section Thirty (30) in Township Four (4) South, Range One (1) West, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, containing 51.100 (.51) of an acre according to the official plat of the survey of the said land on file in the General Land Office. Being the same premises described in the United States Patent issued to the heirs of Hiram D. Compton under date of December 15th, 1915, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of the County of Alameda State of California, in Liber C of Patents, at page 434.

Terms and conditions of Sale: Cash in United States Gold Coin; Ten per cent of the purchase price to be paid to the undersigned at the time of sale, balance on confirmation of said sale by said Superior Court.

All bids and offers must be in writing and left in the said office of Thomas C. Huxley, or delivered to the undersigned, or filed in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court at any time after the first publication hereof.

Dated: November 24th, 1916.

H. W. Emerson,

Sole Referee

Thomas C. Huxley, Attorney for Plaintiffs, Union Savings Bank Bldg., Oakland, Calif.

STATE TAX COMMISSION: To investigate and report upon matters of Revenue and Taxation; Sacramento, California.

August One, 1916.

Dear Sir:

For the purpose of ascertaining questions raised in California and in other states, and in order that the legislature at its next session may have the benefit of your ideas, we submit to you the following questions and respectfully urge that you give us your candid opinion regarding the same and your reasons therefor. We are sending these inquiries to a hundred representative people in each county. Your name will not be given publicly.

Thanking you for your favor and kindly cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM V. COWAN,

Secretary.

JB Question:

Would you favor the exemption from taxation of all factories and manufactured products? (Effort is being

made along this line in several states, particularly in New Jersey.) Give reasons.

Answer:

I should favor the exemption of all factories and manufactured products of every kind and nature because they are the fruits of individual labor. Under the present system our Assessors are a law unto themselves. It enables them to favor the poor widow and the orphan—but—do they? The system is at fault, not the Assessors.

Question:

If most of our public revenue continues to come from property taxation, do you believe any property should be exempt from paying, in some way, its percentage of such tax? If so, what property would you exempt?

Answer:

I should exempt from taxation all property except land value. Under the present system of Taxation our farmers are rapidly becoming tenant farmers. Something must be done at once to relieve the pressure.

See Warren Korth Bailey's speech delivered in Congress this year.

Question:

Would you favor the discontinuance of the tax on personal property and the adoption of a reasonable income tax in its place? (This has been recommended by various tax commissions, and has been partially put into operation in Wisconsin and recently adopted in Massachusetts.) Give reasons.

Answer:

I should favor the discontinuance of all tax on personal property. Under the present system the taxing of personal property is a force and an incentive to perjury. Personal property taxes are never levied justly. As a palliative measure, a reasonable income tax would be far more just than the present system. The only thing, however, in favor of the income tax is that it is direct. Were we to defray war expenses by an income tax, we would have no war because those responsible for war would be obliged to pay their share of the expenses of war.

Question:

Do you believe improvements on land (houses, trees, etc.) should be taxed in the same proportion as the land itself? Give reasons.

Answer:

I do not believe that improvements on land should be taxed since they are the result of individual labor, while LAND VALUES are created by the people as a whole. Is it right and just to fine (tax) a person for improving his property since all the land in the vicinity is enhanced in value by his labor and enterprise? Our voters and lawmakers do not see the immense importance of taxing LAND VALUES only, and abolishing all other methods because they are emboldened with the fear of losing a few copper cents.

Question:

Do you favor the gradual reduction of taxation upon buildings, trees and vines and the assumption of that tax burden by the land. Give reasons. (This proposition has been discussed in New York and other states and attempted in Canada, New Zealand and elsewhere. It is estimated that land in California is assessed at about one-half its full value and it has been argued that if it were assessed at full value, improvements could be exempted without increasing the tax rate.)

Answer:

I do favor the gradual reduction of taxation upon buildings, trees and vines and the assumption of that tax burden by land values, because all improvements on land are the result of labor and I do not think that the products of labor of any kind should be taxed. The great bulk of the land values of California is in our cities and in the large tracts of unimproved, idle

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lands that are held out of use for speculation.

Question:

It is argued that land values in cities and other social centers are greatly augmented by the amount of population and that the community itself, and not by any effort on the part of the owner of the land, gives it the high value. If this is true, do you, or do you not believe that a man who gains this extra wealth from the community, instead of by his own efforts, should pay a greater tax proportionately? Give reasons.

Answer:

The man who benefits by holding land out of use for speculation in either city or country, the value of which is increased by population, should pay taxes in proportion to that increased value for in my judgment the value that the community creates should go to the community that creates it in taxes to the community expenses.

Question:

If you state in your answer to the preceding question that you are in favor of a greater tax upon unearned land values then what percentage of this unearned value do you believe should rightly come back to the community, instead of being retained by the owner? Give reasons.

Answer:

ALL unearned land values should be retained to the people as a whole because it is the people who are the sole creators of land values. It is only right and just that the value created by the community should go to pay community expenses, instead of going into the hands of the individual, the land speculator, for, without people, land has no value.

LAND MONOPOLY is the father of all monopoly—all monopolies are founded on the LAND. Taxing LAND VALUES will squeeze the monopoly out of land and all natural resources.

Question:

Do you believe that land held for speculation should be taxed heavier than the land used for home, agricultural or business purposes? Give reasons.

Answer:

Land held for speculation should be taxed in proportion to its real or sel-

ling value just as used land should be. If this were done, there would be very little speculation in land for land would have no speculative value. Since the speculative value of land is a detriment to the man that tills the soil, it would benefit the condition of this man to tax unused land at its full selling value. Placing all of the burden of taxation on LAND VALUES in a humane measure, hence the man who thinks, acts and votes from the broad, humanitarian standpoint that he serves his own interest best who serves the interest of all, will use his influence at all times to abolish all other methods of taxation.

Question:

Do you favor the idea of setting aside certain classes of property to be taxed for certain purposes (for instance for state or county purposes solely) without regard to the relative burden of tax borne by the different classes of property? Give reasons.

Answer:

I do not favor the idea of setting aside certain classes of property to be taxed for certain purposes as this would be unjust discrimination. Taxing LAND VALUES only will reduce the price of unused vacant land. The owners of same would be obliged to either cultivate their land or sell it to some one who will. All that humans get from the land is what it produces—the price that land is held at or sold at is no factor as regards to what it produces. If California would exempt from taxation all improvements on land and all kinds of personal property and place all the burden of taxation on LAND VALUES it would, in my judgment, double the population of California in from three to five years. It is people that California wants—not idle acres.

Question:

Do you favor classifying property according to its earning ability and taxing it in proportion to that ability? Give reasons.

Answer:

I favor classifying property according to its earning ability if by "prop-

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erty" the Commission means property in land earning ability as the real test of land values. Only 27 per cent of the tillable land of the United States is farmed (Gov. Report). If that is true, and I do not question it, not to exceed fifteen to a possible twenty per cent of the tillable land of California is farmed. The balance is held out of us for speculation. Were all of our taxes raised from land values, it would force this idle land into use.

Question:

Do you favor a system of indirect taxation for city and county governments, similar to that now used by the state? Give reasons.

Answer:

I do not believe in indirect taxation for any purpose. Indirect taxation is a method by which the burden of the expense of government is placed upon the poor, "a system of getting the most feathers with the least squawking" because the average man does not know when or how he is being robbed by indirect taxation. When taxes are direct the people know what they pay and why they pay it.

ALDEN T. AMES, Centerville, Cal.

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NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 18th day of December 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Anton D. Goulart to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Decoto in Decoto Election Precinct.

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THANKSGIVING DAY NOTES

There were many Thanksgiving family reunions in Niles to enjoy together the dinner which celebrated the holiday. Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth gathered about her children and grand children from Oakland forming a circle of seventeen about the beautifully laden table. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ellsworth and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ellsworth, son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellsworth son and two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellsworth son and two daughters of Niles, Mr. and Mrs. Price and daughter of Reno were the only ones absent.

Mrs. W. E. Phillips of Niles Glen entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fournier and family of Niles for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Overacker had for guests Mrs. Preston and son Dean of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sneden had a large party including Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Drew of Oakland and Mrs. M. G. W. Stedman of Healdsburg.

Mrs. Fern Green and three sons joined the circle about her mother's table in Berkeley for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Walpert and daughter May spent the day with relatives in Hayward.

Harrison Snyder of San Francisco was a guest at the family home in Niles.

The Jacobus clan gathered at "Blue Bird Farm" in Sunol Glen and thirty relatives enjoyed the day together. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jacobus of Niles and their family being among those present. "Blue Bachelors" home at the head of Bachelors Canyon, and is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jacobus formerly of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mosher, and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hunt, with their sons Ronald and Harry of Niles spent the day with the family of H. A. Mosher in Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jun of Fresno, and Mr. and Mrs. Waldren nee Winifred Hunt of Contra Costa Co. were also present.

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The ladies Guild of the Niles Congregational Church have adjourned to the first Wednesday, after New Years. The members to entertain on that day are Mrs. Oakeshott and Mrs. Phillips. The success of the Annual Bazaar held on Friday, Nov. 24th, is most gratifying to the Guild ladies. The following are the receipts of the different tables:

Dinner \$40.20, aprons \$19.65, candy \$21.20, Mrs. Green's S. S. class \$17.95, ice cream \$13.20, home cooking \$13.70, fish pond \$10.25, at door \$7.50, fancy work \$57.70. Total \$201.35.

Marston Dassel, who is now working for the Southern Pacific Company at the Oakland Pier, was home for the Thanksgiving Party at Irvington last Saturday night.

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We intend to build up the subscription list of the Press and this is one of the premiums we are now offering.

Mr. Edward Eichenberg formerly with the Niles Canyon Stone Products Co. has severed his connection with that firm and located in San Francisco. He intends entering upon a literary career.

Mrs. E. L. Chittenden went to San Francisco and Oakland Tuesday last returning on Thursday.

Mrs. Evelyn Chandler spent the day at Belvoir on Tuesday last a guest of Miss Edna Sharpe.

Miss Helen Sharpe spent last week end in Niles with her fiancé, Mr. Lilburn Hobson, his mother and sister.

The Niles Woman's Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, December 14th, at the home Whitney, Sec. of the Associated Charities of San Francisco, will be present on that day, and speak to the ladies on two of the laws to be put before the State legislature of especial interest to women. Friends of the Club members are cordially invited to be in attendance, gentlemen as well as ladies.

The friends of Mrs. E. Crothers are glad to welcome her back to her home in Niles, after spending the summer and early fall at her former home in Canada. Mrs. Crothers was accompanied by her brother Mr. William Farrell of Canada, who will spend the winter here.

Mrs. E. P. Mayhew received word by telegram this week of the death of Mrs. G. E. Mayhew formerly of San Francisco and late of Los Angeles. Her death occurred at the home of her son Mr. Jos. R. Mayhew of Los Angeles, with whom she made her home. Mrs. G. E. Mayhew had been a frequent visitor in Niles.

The Bridge Club will hold its second meeting with Mrs. Hilda Meyer on Tuesday December 12. The members of the Club are Mesdames R. O. Moyer, E. B. Tyson, C. B. Overacker, E. P. Mayhew, E. L. Chittenden, B. L. Tyson, Fern Green, C. H. Hatch, J. E. Jacobus, Elvin Meyer, Clarence Martenstein of Niles, J. B. Witherly of Irvington and Miss M. E. DeCora of San Francisco.

Mrs. E. B. Tyson went to Tracy on Wednesday to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Southwick.

Mrs. E. L. Chittenden of Belvoir visited several days this week in San Francisco.

Mr. Harrison Snyder went to Fresno last Saturday to attend the wedding of his cousin Miss Grace Scott and Mr. Eby, both of that city.

Niles people and those of the surrounding towns must bear in mind the concert to be given in the Niles Congregational church on Friday evening, Dec. 15th by Mrs. Wallace Wheaton Briggs and her musical friends from San Francisco.

Mr. Edward Hyatt Jr. of San Francisco, is stopping in Niles, where he will be during the winter. Mr. Hyatt is to work on the State Water Commission investigation into the case between the Water District and the Spring Valley Water Company. He is the son of State Superintendent of Schools Edward Hyatt.

The Maccabees of Canyon Tent of Niles have cards out announcing a good time dance to be given in Connors' Hall on Saturday evening, December 16. Sykes' Orchestra is to furnish the music. Admission is fifty cents for gentlemen.

The boys of the Niles Gymnasium Club have organized a basketball team which will be coached and managed by Mr. Landreth. The members of the team are: Silva and Roderigo forwards, Thompson center, Chaix and Smith guards. The team will play the light high school team in the near future.

HEALTH

FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS WILL BE SPOTLESS TOWN OF AMERICA

\$100,000 to be spent in Community Health Demonstration by National Organization

Framingham, Massachusetts will be made the Spotless Town of the United States if the \$100,000 that the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is to spend there in a community health demonstration during the next three years can make it so. Out of several hundred towns, it has just been selected.

DECOTO

Miss Theresa Whitfield of Mission San Jose one of the teachers in the Decoto school was compelled to secure a substitute this week owing to an attack of tonsillitis. Miss Rose Bez has charge of Miss Whitfield's class.

F. L. Dickey of Kansas City, one of the leading stockholders in the California Brick Co., T. L. Meyers, Superintendent and Forest Bishop were recent luncheon guests of Mr. and Mr. Charles Ford.

A valuable cow belonging to Mr. Oliver was killed by a Western Pacific train Wednesday.

Mr. S. Salz, who spent several months in Southern California last winter expects to go south again soon where he and his wife will spend the winter. Mr. Salz was greatly benefitted by his trip south last year and hopes to repeat the experience this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry May entertained the various members of the May family on Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. George May of San Jose, Mr. and Mrs. August May of Alvarado, Mr. and Mrs. H. Meyers and Mrs. Sophie May of Alameda.

IRVINGTON

E. J. Ismert was called to San Francisco on account of the death of his sister Mrs. A. Bacon.

Mrs. F. Miller spent Thanksgiving at the home of her sister at La Grande in Merced County.

Mrs. George Bond has purchased a very handsome Jeffery roadster.

Mrs. Nellis and daughter Mildred spent Thanksgiving at the home of Dr. Grimmer.

The High school dance at Maple Hall was quite a success, the hall looked beautifully decorated in all colored butterflies and greens.

culosis is to spend there in a community health demonstration during the next three years can make it so. Out of several hundred towns, it has just been selected.

The demonstration will be stated at once, under the direction of Dr. Arnold B. Arntson, Assistant Secretary of The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The Committee which will have control of the work consists of Dr. Edward R. Baldwin, Saranac Lake President of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis; Dr. Lee K. Frankel, Sixth Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York; Dr. William Charles White, Medical Director of the Pittsburgh Tuberculosis League; Dr. Arthur K. Stone, President of the Massachusetts Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives, Boston; Dr. Stephen J. Maher, Chairman of the Connecticut State Tuberculosis Commission, New Haven; Mr. Homer Folks, Secretary of the New York State Charities Aid Association; and Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, Executive Secretary of The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, New York.

In addition to the money which the Committee will spend in Framingham, that city has agreed to cooperate by improving its public health work under the direction of the Committee. The leading citizens of Framingham, as well as the State Department of Health, Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other schools, have offered their help in the demonstration. As part of the plan, it is proposed to place under definite control every living case of tuberculosis, both those that are demonstrably so and those that are suspected of having had contact with the disease.

As a result of this demonstration, it is planned later to use the experience in Framingham in other cities of the United States, to show that tuberculosis can be controlled anywhere.

CENTERVILLE

St. James Guild will hold its last meeting before the holidays at Mrs. J. A. Bunting, Wed. Dec. 13th. It is hoped that all the orders will be filled and finished.

Mrs. Anna Rose and Miss Mariana Valencia have returned from a month's outing in the Calaveras Hills. They report having a lovely time.

Manuel Simas returned Monday from a three days' hunt in Patterson. He brought home the limit of geese and his many friends profited by it.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Centerville Presbyterian Church will hold a sale of fancy work, cooked articles and also home-made candy. This will be held in the Sunday School room of the church, Saturday, Dec. 9, 1916. It will be open at 2 o'clock as usual. Everything is planned for an enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. Howe and Mr. Randall left Wednesday morning for Gustine in search for geese.

Mrs. Gene Stevenson has been quite ill for the past week.

The Catholic Fair closed Tuesday night with a big crowd in attendance. Dancing closed the evening.

Mr. George Joseph and Mr. Antone Duarte spent the week end in San Francisco.

A turkey supper was given to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell on Thursday night in celebration of their 23rd anniversary. They were out riding all afternoon and when they got home at six o'clock they found a big surprise awaiting them. They found twenty one people seated at a large table with a turkey in the center of the table. The party motored to San Jose after supper to a theatre. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mathiesen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mathiesen, Mr. and Mrs. Mau, Miss Mabel Mathiesen, Mr. Milford Mathiesen, Ruth Mau, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walton, Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. Allan Walton, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bell, Mr. Percy Bell, Rilla Bell, Ina Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell.

ALVARADO

The heavy rains of the past week have again demonstrated the poor quality of gravel used on our roads. How about that crushed rock that we used to have?

Mr. and Mrs. Gulley of Healdsburg are visiting at the home of their daughter Mrs. N. Bailache.

Word has been received from Will Norris, who is now in Cuba working in a laboratory of one of the large sugar factories there, that he had a pleasant trip, both by rail and by water.

Mr. Fred Wiegman Jr. writes from Philadelphia that he is enjoying the sights in that historical city and also those in the near vicinity.

MISSION

TRY TO ROB P. O. SAFE AT MISSION

An unsuccessful attempt was made Tuesday night to rob the postoffice at the Mission, but the thieves, unable to force the safe open, left without reward for their work. Two other stores were broken into, that of James Turner's and Frank Martin, but in each instance the thieves left merchandise untouched in their apparent failure to find money.

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Mr. A. E. Amsbaugh of Berkeley, president of the Alameda County C. E. Union visited the Alvarado and Mt. Eden C. E. Societies last Sunday.

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